

**United States Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management**  
**Procurement Special Notice**  
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**(Note: Quarterly update to Special Notice Posted on November 19, 2020)**

In light of COVID-19 and associated impacts on business activities, the following quarterly update is provided for information purposes to ensure that DOE-EM receives high-quality proposals and robust competition. DOE-EM implemented a Strategic Procurement Sequencing as a health and safety acknowledgement as well as to implement a sensible procurement planning approach at a supportable pace in the current environment. DOE-EM generally expects to proceed with procurement functions that require limited or no face-to-face interactions or travel. These actions will demonstrate the furtherance of the EM cleanup mission and competitive procurement process to the maximum extent practicable. As the Department focuses on safe operations at DOE-EM facilities, DOE-EM will continue to foster a competitive procurement environment to the greatest extent possible during this unique time.

DOE-EM expects to proceed with reasonable acquisition schedules and revised process considerations that may be necessary due to enhanced telework, social distancing, and travel restrictions. To mitigate resource surges, Final RFP releases will be staggered accordingly and any proposal preparation time periods may be extended. Following are updated current projections for all major DOE-EM Final RFP releases for planning purposes for the next six months and the six-month projection will be updated quarterly during the COVID-19 period. ***This information is subject to further change based on continued COVID-19 impacts.*** Any questions and/or comments related to the stated timeframes and any related matters of concern may be submitted to Aaron Deckard, EMCBC, Acquisition Integration Lead, at the following email address: [EMProcurementNews@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:EMProcurementNews@emcbc.doe.gov).

Final RFP release dates will be no sooner than:

- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Operations – May 2021
- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Transportation – May 2021